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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Small business owners -- and especially those in the broadband sector -- need all the support they can get. Our local provider, Sonic, has been a joy to work with -- when needed, we speak with real humans, who solve our problems in thoughtful and cooperative ways. This has never been our experience with larger providers. We also support Sonic's use of all local labor, and the jobs they provide (good jobs) to folks right here in our area. No distant (or foreign) call centers, no robotic responses to our needs -- real human contact by folks who are right here in the area.

Competition is good for everyone; successful small businesses are crucial for communities of all sizes.

Don't change the rules and prioritize one size of provider over another.

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